

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION AT LAFAYETTE**

ANTHONY G. TAYLOR, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) CAUSE NO.: 4:16-CV-52-PPS-JEM  
 )  
J P MORGAN CHASE, CHASE HOME )  
FINANCE, )  
Defendant. )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court *sua sponte*. On September 21, 2016, Defendant filed a Motion for Leave to File First Amended Answer and Affirmative Defense [DE 13]. Rather than file a response, on October 7, 2016, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Strike Defendants Affirmative Defenses [DE 17]. On October 11, 2016, Plaintiff filed an identical Motion to Strike Defendants Affirmative Defenses [DE 18].

The Court construes Plaintiff's Motions to Strike as a response to Defendant's Motion for Leave. Accordingly, the Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk of the Court to strike the document at [DE 17] and to designate the document at [DE 18] as Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Motion for Leave to File First Amended Answer and Affirmative Defenses [DE 13].

Defendant shall reply, if desired, no later than 7 days from the date of this order.

SO ORDERED this 12th day of October, 2016.

s/ John E. Martin  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN E. MARTIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

cc: All counsel of record